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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. David Sam on the  
4 occasion of receiving the Elgin Cosmopolitan Club Annual  
5 Distinguished Service Award; and

6           WHEREAS, The Elgin Cosmopolitan Club was chartered on  
7 December 7, 1927 and is part of Cosmopolitan International, a  
8 non-profit organization dedicated to research and treatment of  
9 diabetes; the club has been in continuous service to the Elgin  
10 community for over 80 years and supports local charitable  
11 groups with special emphasis on diabetes-related causes; and

12           WHEREAS, In 2007, Dr. David Sam began his service as the  
13 eighth president of Elgin Community College; during his tenure,  
14 the number of degrees and certificates awarded has increased by  
15 44% to an all-time high of 2,578 in 2015; Elgin Community  
16 College has successfully closed the achievement gap between  
17 Hispanic and white students, and has been recognized by the  
18 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its student success  
19 activities; and

20           WHEREAS, In 2013, Elgin Community College was awarded The  
21 Bellwether Award by the Community College Futures Assembly, a  
22 recognition of outstanding and innovative programs and

1 practices that are leading community colleges into the future,  
2 for its "Alliance for College Readiness Initiative"; Elgin  
3 Community College has been designated a "Leader College" by  
4 Achieving the Dream National Reform Network, the nation's most  
5 comprehensive non-governmental reform network for student  
6 success in higher education, since 2013; The Aspen Institute,  
7 dedicated to fostering leadership based on enduring values and  
8 providing a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues,  
9 ranked Elgin Community College a top 150 College for the  
10 2014-2015 academic year; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. David Sam serves on the board of directors for  
12 the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, where he has been chair  
13 since May 2015, the Alignment for Collaborative Education, the  
14 Golden Corridor Family YMCA, and the United Way of Elgin; he is  
15 an active member of the Rotary Club of Elgin, the District of  
16 Columbia Bar, the Energy Bar Association, and the American Bar  
17 Association; he also earned the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B.  
18 Gordon Award of Distinction for Outstanding College  
19 Presidents; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. David Sam serves as a model of hard work,  
21 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
22 Illinois; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 congratulate Dr. David Sam on the occasion of receiving the  
3 Elgin Cosmopolitan Club Annual Distinguished Service Award and  
4 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Dr. David Sam as a symbol of our esteem and  
8 respect.